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NATION | 2008 ELECTION

Obama win makes history

Obama becomes the 44th, first black president

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama swept to victory as the nation's first black president Tuesday night in an electoral college landslide that overcame racial barriers as old as America itself. "Change has come," he told to a huge throng of jubilant supporters.

The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his historic triumph by defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in a string of wins in hard-fought battleground states — Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Iowa and more.

On a night for Democrats to savor, they not only elected Obama the nation's 44th president but padded their majorities in the House and Senate, and come January will control both the White House and Congress for the first time since 1994.

Obama's election capped a meteoric rise — from mere state senator to president-elect in four years.

In his first speech as victor, to thousands at Grant Park in his home town of Chicago, Obama catalogued the challenges ahead.

"The greatest of a lifetime," he



CHUCK KENNEDY | MCT

Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., waves to supporters at his Election Night Rally in Grant Park, Chicago. Crowds of about 55,000 people had flocked to Grant Park for Obama's election night rally.

said, "two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century."

He added, "There are many who

won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president, and we know that government can't solve every problem. But I will always

be honest with you about the challenges we face."

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STATE | 2008 ELECTION

Durbin, Johnson retain seats

The Associated Press

Incumbent Tim Johnson, R-Urbana, was re-elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for the 15th District, defeating Democrat Steve Cox Tuesday.

Johnson has served in the House since 2000.

Democrat Dick Durbin is thanking Illinoisans for a third term in the U.S. Senate and for their support after the recent death of his daughter.

Cash, experience and pro-Democrat sentiment helped Durbin beat Republican challenger Steve Sauerberg on Tuesday.

With 72 percent of precincts reporting, Durbin had 2,408,775 votes, or 67 percent, and Sauerberg had 1,056,380 votes, or 29 percent.

Durbin canceled his election night party because of the death of his daughter, Christine Durbin, but issued a statement saying he looks forward to "representing our great state in the Senate and working with our new President (Barack Obama) to face our historic challenges."

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STATE | LOCAL RESULTS

Ferguson remains State's Attorney

Republicans take local seats except for attorney

By KRYSTAL MOYA
City Editor

The results flooded some people's eyes with tears, some with burning disappointment and some with the excitement of the consequent four years. Democratic incumbent Steve Ferguson took the state's attorney race with 42.2 percent of the vote over Republican Paul Komada's 33.7 percent and Green Party candidate Todd Reardon's 24.1 percent.

Overall in Coles County, Republicans generally swept the board, losing the presidential election by only 2.6 percent and the Senate seat to Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin's 34.5 percent lead.

"We are very proud of him and his campaign quality," said Democratic Board Chairman Robert Webb. "He is a fair and accurate prosecutor and the votes reflected the positive work he has done."

But before the polls closed on Nov. 4, they gazed at the blue and red that popped onto the television screen projecting outcomes of the election.

They busied themselves with family, taking their grandmothers to dinner to keep their minds off the

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impending results. They began to list the numerous pros and cons that tomorrow would bring. The Coles County candidates anticipated the best and worst, after more than six hard months of campaigning.

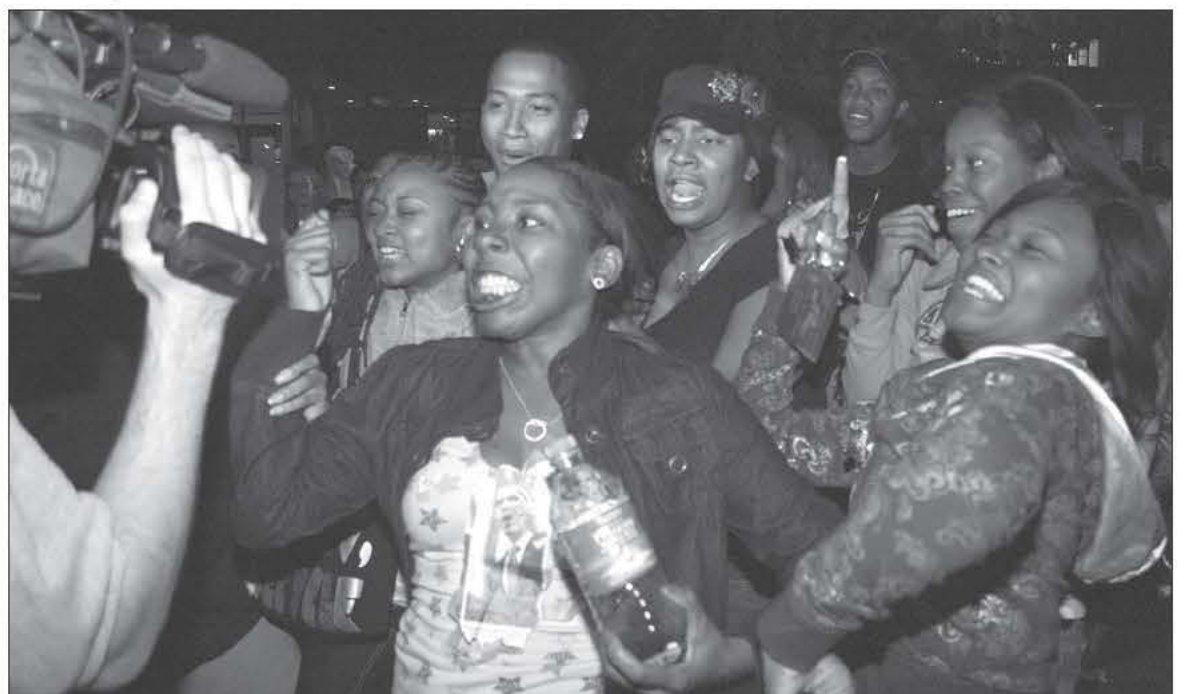
The more than 40,000 Coles County registered voters held the fate of the candidates for state's attorney, county coroner and county board members for the next four years in their hands.

"As of course every candidate will say, it's all up to the voters," said Green Party candidate for state's attorney Todd Reardon. "They are the ones who will choose who is best for them. I just hope they saw me for what I am."

Reardon spent time with his grandmother at dinner, while Komada celebrated the campaign's end at the Panther Paw Bar Grill, 1412 Fourth St., with fellow Republicans, including coroner candidate Ed Schniers.

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LOCAL | CAMPUS REACTION



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Supporters of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., celebrate in the South Quad after election results were announced. Nearly 300 Eastern students celebrated with chants of 'Obama!'

Crowd of 300 celebrate in quad

Campus gather in South Quad, cheer for Obama's victory

By BRITTNI GARCIA
Campus Editor

While a crowd of more than 300 people gathered outside the South Quad to cheer Barack Obama's victory as the 44th president of the United States, Marjie Wilburn was quietly

celebrating at Late Night pizza in Thomas Hall.

"I believe he is going to make a difference, maybe not in four years, but he will initiate change," said Wilburn, a sophomore art education major.

Wilburn said she is glad students were so involved this year and believes it was a huge turnaround from past years.

The crowd of Obama supporters in the quad chanted "Obama! Obama!"

after Obama was projected to be the United States' next president. Jillian Williams, a freshman political science major, was part of the celebration and joined in on the chanting.

"It's overwhelming," Williams said. "It's a change, and I've been waiting for this my whole life."

Williams said this is what she wanted not only for her, but also for her 78-year-old great grandmother.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Edwards to reprise role as Dr. Greene on 'ER'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anthony Edwards says it's easy being Greene.

The actor, who left "ER" six years ago, said in a telephone news conference Monday that he had no problem getting back into the swing of things while reprising his role as Dr. Mark Greene for the Nov. 13 episode of the NBC medical drama.

Said Edwards: "It was really like going back to high school, in the best way. It was like going back to your favorite class and having your favorite teacher. ... It took about a half an hour — and after about a half an hour, I really felt like I'd never left."

Dr. Greene, who died of a brain tumor at the end of the 2002 season, appears in flashback scenes with former County General Doctors Kerry Weaver and Robert Romano (portrayed by Laura Innes and Paul McCrane, respectively).

He also has an encounter with series newcomer Dr. Cate Banfield (Angela Bassett), an attending physician

at the hospital, after she brings in her sick son. The flashbacks are interwoven with a present-day story line that shows Banfield helping in the rescue of a young girl who falls into a lake.

Edwards' appearance comes in the 15th and final season of "ER," which debuted in 1994.

Sacha Baron Cohen crashes LA rally as 'Bruno'

LOS ANGELES — Sacha Baron Cohen went undercover as his alter ego Bruno on Sunday by crashing a rally in support of a ballot measure that would ban gay marriage in California.

The British comedian is working on a film based on the fictional character Bruno, a gay Austrian fashion reporter who conducted gag interviews on HBO's "Da Ali G Show."

Cohen, in disguise in a blond wig and preppy outfit, marched with demonstrators who support Proposition 8 while being trailed by cameras in a rally across from City Hall.

Cohen, who has made a career out of filming unwitting victims of

his fake identities, also played a journalist in the hit movie "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

Dunst in North Dakota for vote documentary

BISMARCK, N.D. — In making a documentary about how the nation votes, actress Kirsten Dunst and filmmaker Jacob Soboroff were drawn to North Dakota, the only state without voter registration.

"It's different than any other state in the United States, and what we're looking at is best and worst (voting) practices," Soboroff said Monday. "I don't know if it's a best practice or ... a worst practice, and that's why we're here."

Dunst, who has starred in three "Spider-Man" movies, and Soboroff are directing and producing a documentary, not yet titled, that explores why American voter participation lags behind turnout in most other countries.

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Helping a loved one vote



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Robert Walliser reads the ballot to Sandra, his wife of 45 years, as he helps her vote on Tuesday in Mogadore, Ohio.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Man trapped in restaurant exhaust vent for 24 hours

The Associated Press

DES PLAINES — Firefighters have rescued a 23-year-old suburban Chicago man who spent nearly 24 hours trapped in a restaurant exhaust vent.

Police would not say why the man was in the vent, which goes through the roof at the Des Plaines' Little Amsterdam restaurant that closed in June.

The man was being treated Monday evening for injuries at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. His condition was not available.

An owner of the building says a landlord was checking the property on Monday morning when he was noticed a man's head and arms sticking from the vent over the restaurant's kitchen stove. Authorities were called

around 10:30 a.m. Des Plaines firefighters cut the vent leading from the rooftop to extricate the man.

Cavern owner seeks cave bids on eBay

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Calling Batman: Cave owner Steve Rush has a deal for you.

Rush, 49, is auctioning off the Mystic Caverns in the hills of Ozark Mountains on eBay. The 28-acre property in Arkansas includes a gift shop and three caves, two of which are safe enough for visitors.

The bidding starts at \$899,900, cut from Rush's original asking price of \$1.2 million. Rush bought the property near Harrison in 1988 and began giving tours in 1992 to the two caves, Mystic cavern and the Crystal Dome cavern.

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Students line up to place their vote for the 2008 presidential elections in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday morning.

More than 1,000 vote in union

Students react after voting in 2008 presidential election

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Activities Editor

The Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union received 1,161 voters Tuesday.

Oladapo Akindele, a sophomore sociology major, was the last one to vote at the Bridge Lounge, which closed voting at 7 p.m. He said he felt relieved when the process was finally over.

"I am a part of history," Akindele said. "It just feels good."

Barbara Funk, an election judge, said there were a lot of new voters.

"A lot of them were pretty excited," Funk said. "Almost all of them wanted their 'I voted' stickers and receipts for class."

Funk said there were a good number of spoiled ballots because of a high number of new voters.

"Some of them did not understand, so the machine would not accept the ballot and they had to

"We are at a time where a change needs to be made. To take part in this is a really cool thing."

— Karli Waters,
junior psychology major

start all over again," she said.

During the voting process some students were not able to vote.

Tyler Johnson, a Coles County treasurer employee, was at the polls to take care of problems some of the voters had.

Johnson said some students were not able to vote because some were either registered back home or not registered at all.

"Hey, if you are going to be going to school here, just register here so you can vote," he said.

Johnson said he felt good being a part of the election process for this election.

"It's great," Johnson said. "It is a civic duty."

Funk said overall she thinks the students are doing much better with coming out to vote.

"We just want them to know

how important (it) is," Funk said. "It would be even nice to have more than we do now."

As students voted in the Bridge Lounge, some were pleased about the easy-going process.

Karli Waters, a junior psychology major, said the election process was smooth.

"It took about five minutes," Waters said. "There was really not a good reason not to vote."

Waters said she felt excited to be a part of this election.

"We are at a time where a change needs to be made," she said. "To take part in this is a really cool thing."

Taylor BeLow, a freshman communications major, said this was her first time voting.

"I didn't know who I should vote for, but I talked to my parents

and finally I came down to a decision," she said. "I think this election is going to be great."

Below felt great to have a voice during this election.

"This will be in my children's history books," she said.

Amanda Bush, a senior communication studies major, said every election is important.

"My honest opinion is that this election is historic, but let's not take advantage of that — every election is historic," Bush said. "History is being made because there will be a new person with new ideas elected."

Eric Wilber, chair for the Student Action Team, was an election judge. He said the job was exhausting, but fulfilling.

"Just to see the excitement they brought to the booths was great," Wilber said.

Wilber said for those who did not vote, they cannot complain.

"We gave them every opportunity to register," he said. "They are just stuck with whoever for the next four years."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Crystal Meth Coalition to meet today

Steve Mange and Kelly Kindred from the Illinois Meth Project will speak at The Coles County Meth Awareness Coalition's monthly meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Education Center of Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, 1000 Health Center Drive.

Mange and Kindred will discuss the project, and the meeting will focus on how to get teens involved with meth prevention in their local town.

Career Services to host job fair Thursday

Career Services will conduct the fall education job fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the University Ballroom and Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Representatives from more than 75 schools across the United States are expected to attend. A list of participating schools and available jobs can be found online at www.eiu.edu/~careers/students/fall_ed_fair.php.

Students attending are encouraged to dress professionally. For more information, call 581-2412.

Art faculty exhibition on display now

The 2008 Art Faculty Exhibition can be viewed at the Tarble Arts Center through Dec. 7. Hours of operation for the center are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Participating faculty include: Katherine Bartel, photographs and video, Jeff Boshart, sculpture and graphics, Suzan Braun, loom weavings, Robert Horvath, abstract and figurative paintings, and Glen Hild, abstract charcoal drawings. For more information, call 581-2787.

Outstanding Citizen of the Year nominations

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The chamber has formed a committee to review the nominations and select an outstanding citizen. The award will be presented at the chamber's annual dinner on Jan. 24, 2009.

Nomination forms are available at the chamber office, 501 Jackson Ave., or by calling 345-7041. Nominations must be received no later than Dec. 5.

— Compiled by News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

BLOTTER

Rickia Pearson, 19, of Country Club Hills, was charged with driving with a suspended license after a 3:29 p.m. Friday arrest, said the University Police Department.

Leandra Young, 21, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after an 11:33 p.m. Saturday arrest at Sixth Street and Lincoln Avenue, police said.

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CAMPUS | MEETING

Proposal for Constitutional Oversight to be voted on

By HEATHER HOLM
Student Government Editor

The proposal to have a Committee on Constitutional Oversight will be voted on at tonight's Student Senate meeting.

If it passes, the proposal would give the opportunity for anyone interested in joining the committee to review the constitution.

The revision of the constitution was going to be only a seven-person committee at first, including Student Body President Levi Bulgar.

Drew Griffin, the chair of the

"The reason I wanted to draft legislation was to get as many viewpoints as possible."

— Drew Griffin,
chair of the external relations committee

external relations committee, however, created the proposal so anyone could join.

"The reason I wanted to draft legislation was to get as many viewpoints as possible," Griffin

said at last week's senate meeting. "Really, what I am hoping is for the (Student) Senate to open the committee. Once the committee has convened, we would like to get as many executives, senators and

students as possible on the committee."

A new resolution will be presented tonight as well.

In other related news, the library hours research idea was brought to Faculty Senate Tuesday for discussion.

"We have a list of tentative groups, but are planning on visiting several groups through the month of November," Kromphardt said at last week's meeting.

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A GREEK REVOLUTION

U. South Carolina – Being Greek isn't what it used to be. Once upon a time, if you were Greek, you spoke the language of Greece. Now if you're Greek, you have trouble identifying the characters on a Microsoft Word character map. Not but a century ago, if wine was your beverage of choice, you were likely to be of the Mediterranean seas – but I can't remember the last time I saw a wine keg stand at a Greek party. Reaching even further back, Greeks once descended from Trojan Horses to invade and conquer foreign nations and enemies. Today, Greeks ascend into Trojan's to avoid conquerors and invaders.

In spite and in light of this, I have made a thought-out decision to start an "unofficial" Greek fraternity at the University of South Carolina. From this day forward, we will be known as Omega Omega Omega, otherwise known as the Omega-3's. If we are going to be completely unhealthy and contribute to general debauchery, we might as well have a healthy name. But what use is a slick name without a slick song? Since we ball-out non-stop as the Tri-Omega's, we figured the perfect ying to the yang is Michael Jackson featuring Shaq's "We Be Ballin'." And you won't need a bus to get to where we are living.

We will let anyone join too, going as far as to institute a type of social affirmative action. Black, white, geek, nerd, compulsive gambler, Northerner – all we look for is that you are a good person, social skills be damned. It's ludicrous that while the United States could have its first minority president, there is barely a black – let alone Greek – face among the "white" fraternities and vice-versa. If a black man can be president of the United States, maybe some fraternities should take a cue.

But to be honest, we already pay thousands of dollars to come to USC, and most people already live in co-ed dorms outside of the women's quad. So truth be told, we are all Gamecocks, and that's who I am.

The Daily Gamecock

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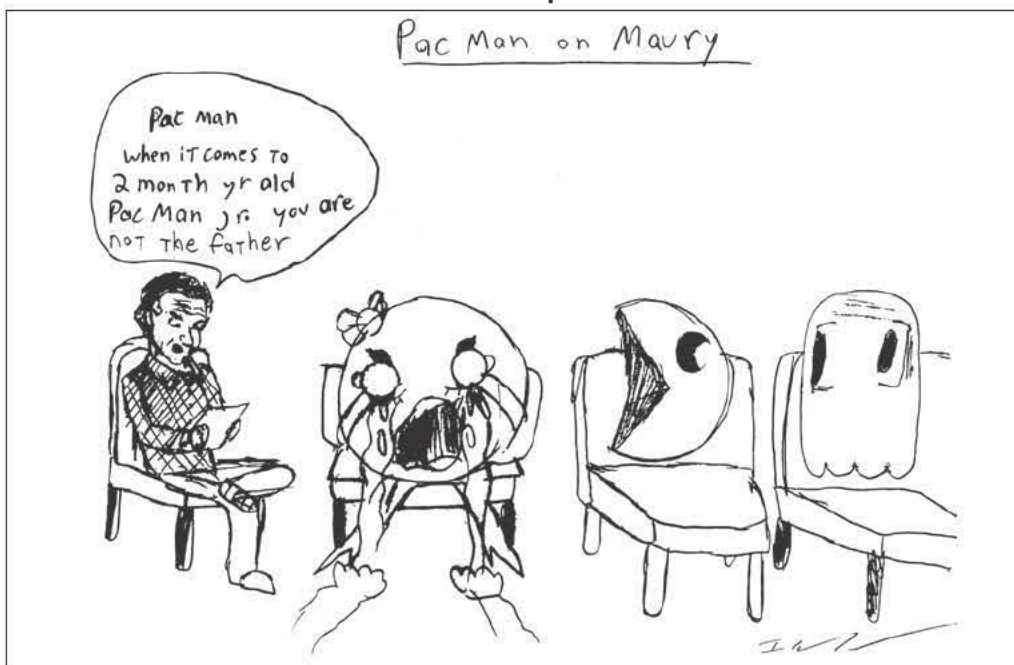
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Drawn to Amuse | Ian Winston



STAFF EDITORIAL

Give us our supreme court!

The Student Government has been consistently functioning without one of its branches of government: The Student Supreme Court.

Student Body President Levi Bulgar will attempt to bring the court back after more than a decade of inactivity. He will introduce four of his required seven appointees during tonight's Student Senate meeting, but doing so during the first week of November is far beyond reason.

Such appointments should have been made months ago because restoring the court was a topic during the April Student Government debate, and Bulgar has not achieved this goal.

The Student Government Constitution requires the student body president to appoint justices to two-year terms that do not conflict with any other Student Government position. A two-thirds vote within the senate is needed to confirm the appointments.

"The Student Supreme Court shall be the court of original and final jurisdiction in cases involving constitutional matters regarding student organizations, and shall have original and final jurisdiction in cases involving the student Bill of Rights," the constitution reads.

The court is thereby authorized to settle disputes regarding bylaws and constitutions of any student organization.

Two of Bulgar's three presidential opponents are currently in the senate and could very well have kept the issue on the table, but the organization as a whole has problems choosing priorities and it continues to bicker among the factions.

"I think the senate has been very respectful and understanding of the fact that we're starting from scratch with this and how we haven't had a sustained court since the mid-1990s," Bulgar said.

While yes, it's good to see that Bulgar has made more progress with restoring the court than

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Student Body President Levi Bulgar will be announcing four of his required seven Student Supreme Court appointees tonight.
- **Stance:** The appointments should have been made months ago. Bulgar and the Student Senate need to get the court operational now.

former president Cole Rogers, this could have easily been finished more than a month ago.

Bulgar has previously served as a Student Senate member, the student vice president for business affairs and the student executive vice president. With that much experience, one would expect that he'd have built enough connections with student leaders across campus to build an applicant pool quicker than he already has.

While Bulgar said he feels guilty for the students who could have been helped throughout the years and during the first few months of his presidency, he wants to stay focused on looking forward to put the court in a position to succeed.

"I think the biggest issue is how it's the job of the senate to go out and promote the Student Bill of Rights," Bulgar said. "If there are any issues then we wouldn't know about it because the bill of rights is not being promoted enough."

Bulgar is right and since he has made more progress than Rogers, the senate should support this court by preparing strategies for promoting the bill of rights and therefore prevent any further delays to the court.

Bulgar said he has two more interviews this week and hopes to have the full court appointed by the Thanksgiving Break so the justices can become familiar with the courts jurisdiction before the December elections.

The court is important to more than just elections and should have been done sooner, but we're glad too see that progress is being made.

BOT taking the correct step

The Board of Trustees is making a good decision. Its bylaws, policies and regulations had not been reviewed or revised in more than 10 years.

Laws, policies and regulations need to be updated from time to time. That is why amendments and rules need revising.

The Board of Trustees is taking a step in the right direction with updating their rules.

A committee was established to review the board's bylaws, policies and regulations.

"This was the first time a systematic review was undertaken since the board was established in 1996," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

A proposed revision of policies was submitted to the board for a first reading at its Sept. 12 meeting. The revisions were then opened to the university community for public comment.

Comments will be accepted until Nov. 11. The board will then review the comments before a vote is called at the Nov. 21 meeting.

Until those changes are made, it's really difficult to say whether they are positive or negative. But the public needs to make its comments

known. This includes faculty, staff and students.

If a state law affecting public universities is passed by the General Assembly, those aspects have to be imported into the regulations, said Trustee Leo Welch.

"We want to make sure the language corresponds with what is required to do by law," he said.

The document needs to be updated to make sure the policies correspond to the way the university is functioning.

Welch said nothing fundamentally different in the way the board operates needed changing.

A paper copy of the proposed revisions is available at Booth Library's reference desk, and it can be found online at www.eiu.edu/~trustees.

Written comments need to be addressed to Roger Kratochvil, chair of the board, at the Office of External Relations, 1117 Old Main, and should include the sender's name. Anonymous comments may not be considered.

The next process in the revision is to see what modifications are being made and if they are being made properly.



RACHEL EVERSOLE

Cell phones
dangerous
AND lame

President Bill Perry and the Faculty Senate have been discussing a campus-wide cell phone policy concerning classrooms. While this is a great idea to implement at Eastern, the overall problem is more than just a learning disruption. Cell phones are taking over our campus, state, country and world, and not for the better.

Just look around. You are hard-pressed not to see someone holding one, talking, texting, checking messages or doing whatever other things cell phones can do today. It's not only annoying to hear someone's one-sided conversations, disrupting to hear the click-clacking of text messaging (don't think others can't hear you!) and the killing of the concept of true communication, it can also be quite dangerous. There is a reason many states are choosing to implement no-cell-phones-while-driving laws, especially to those under 19.

Chicago is one of the cities enforcing hands-free legislation to make driving while using a cell phone illegal. According to the Advocates for Cell Phone Safety, drivers on cell phones are twice as likely to miss a traffic signal, have a slower reaction time to the signals they do detect and they increase their risk of causing a crash by 400 percent – the same as if the driver were driving legally intoxicated.

But pedestrians are in danger too. You do not know how many students dart off across the street, crosswalk or no, not even bothering to look up from their phones to see what may be coming. Sure, pedestrians have the right of way, but at the expense of their safety and the safety of the driver because of their recklessness? It is a wonder there are not more injuries reported on campus connected to cell phone usage.

I can tell it is somewhat of a generation gap issue that causes my dislike for the cell phone. In high school, I did not have one, and none of my friends had one either. If we needed to speak to one another, we would call from our home phones, go over to each other's houses or wait for the next day at school. Trust me, the oh-my-gosh gossip got passed quickly enough around our small community that a cell phone would have been pointless. It wasn't until I moved out of my parent's house that I bought a pay-as-you-go cell phone so I could call in case of an emergency. The minutes cost too much to use my phone frequently, and having a phone wasn't that important to me anyway.

Yes, I do have a real cell phone now. I bought it after I put my daughter in day care and went back to college. Kids get sick all the time, and my phone allows me to be reached in a hurry. And I don't want to be a hypocrite. Sure, I field an occasional phone call while on break between classes, but only if it is someone I know who wants more than just to say hi. Otherwise, I can wait until later to call them from home, where no one else has to hear me or be in danger of my possible carelessness. And that is the way it should be.

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» Reaction

FROM PAGE 1

"This is great for my great grandmother, she has waited," Williams said.

William Kendall, a sophomore art major, also celebrated Obama's victory in the South Quad.

"I voted for Obama because it's the 21st century, and we finally shook something up in the White House," Kendall said.

Friends, Dominique Carr, a freshman theatre major, and Cesely Maxwell, a computer science major, were both excited for last night's turnout.

"We are both excited," Carr said. "We are excited because Obama won, and McCain just couldn't do it."

For some students, views from both presidential candidates have been bigger factors than any other year.

Jessica Kius, a freshman political science major, believes this election has been extremely close because of all the popular votes.

"I voted for Obama because I agree with his stands and views and platforms than I did for the other candidate," Kius said.

Corey Watkins, a clinical lab science major, agrees with Kius that this election has been very close, but differs with whom to vote for. However, he did not vote this year.

"I didn't vote, because honestly, I didn't register in time," Watkins said. "I would probably vote for (John) McCain because I agree typically with his views rather than (Barack) Obama's, but it has to do with his moral stands."

Tyerra Harden, a freshman biology major, sticks to Watkins' beliefs as well as McCain's when it comes to his views. Harden would like to see McCain and Sarah Palin in office to make sure the American people are in (the) hands of the right candidates.

"I voted for McCain, because his positions are more valid and realistic," Harden said. "I voted today in Charleston to express my rights as an American."

Some people may believe McCain is right for the office of being the next president, others think the other candidate is more suitable.

Lyndsi Lawler, a freshman English major, voted for the first time and felt she agreed with Obama's plans and beliefs.

"It was really cool voting for the first time," Lawler said. "I feel proud

"I voted for Obama because it's time for a change, plus I believe his views, and I am Democrat."

— Ronaye Jackson, a freshman theater arts major

of myself."

She voted for Obama because she believes he is the right person who will take the right steps in the time of problems we face today.

"I think it is important to vote because we have a lot of problems and I think young people are attracted to Obama and I am not sure why, but he is," she said.

Ronaye Jackson, a freshman theater arts major, also believes Obama is the right candidate for the job.

"I voted for Obama because it's time for a change, plus I believe in his views, and I am Democrat," she said. "I like his views on health care, on the welfare programs and on day care centers."

Jackson voted because she believes our world is in destructive and voices need to be heard through the voting process.

"We need to get our point and views across," Jackson said.

Lee Broomfield, a freshman sports management major, agrees with Jackson, that with Obama in office, issues will change for the better.

"Elections are going as I planned it, Obama is going to be leading it," Broomfield said. "I voted early with an absentee vote because I believe in what he stands for in health care, education and in bringing the troops home."

Jacob Griffin, president of EIU Republicans, was disappointed with the turn out.

"I am disappointed with the American vote," Griffin said. "I think America is going to see a decrease in capitalism and a rise in socialism and a rise in American prominence all over the world."

However Chris Kromphardt, president of EIU College Democrats, is quite happy.

"I am very excited with elections," Kromphardt said. "I am very pleased, and hopefully, the Democratic vote will reflect the electoral vote."

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» Local results

FROM PAGE 1

Ferguson was missing from the Democratic Headquarters on Sixth Street, across the street from the Coles County Courthouse. However Webb speculated he was watching the polls from home with his family.

All three parties said they could not predict the outcomes of the races. Scores of early voters should surely impact the polling places, Webb said.

"But based on that, which is about the only thing we have going right now, we expect extremely high turnout to the polls based on the numbers of new registrations in the county," he said. "This makes it a very hard election to call."

Regardless of where they were and whom they were with, the numbers began to blink onto the projection screen at the courthouse where residents, candidates and city officials gathered.

At 7:15 p.m., the first precinct blinked onto the static page, Komada in the lead.

"If there is anything I have learned in all my campaigning, it is don't be too confident," he said as the first numbers rang in. "There is a three-way race that can skew the results. And then you have to take into consideration the Obama effect in Illinois, which draws voters down the line."

Democratic supporters stared at television screens, cheering at the blue state wins of the presidential election as Pat Black, vice chair of the east side of Coles County for the Democratic Board, sat refreshing the online unof-



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

After Coles County polls closed, incumbent state's attorney Steve Ferguson is congratulated on his win by a supporter in the headquarters of the Coles County Democrats in downtown Charleston on Tuesday night.

ficial polling of Coles County. She shouted out the numbers as the precincts filed in.

At 8:30 p.m., Black's eyes flash as the screen changed.

"Steve just took the lead!" she screamed.

Cheers erupted on Sixth Street immediately, but were followed by the scroll of the screen and Black's report on the other county candidates. The Republicans seemed to be on top, sweeping the numbers for the county board, Shane Rogers' precincts closed with a 5 percent loss, and county coroner short with only four precincts remaining.

The precinct's results were counted over the next 45 minutes, deciding the final races. Joy Russell, the Democratic incumbent for County Board District 10, was unseated by Stanley Metzger by a 2 percent margin.

Schniers' race closed with 19 percent victory over Democratic incumbent Mike Nichols. Republican Jan Eads won another term on the county board with an 11.4 percent win over Democrat Jim Palmer.

But, as the precincts slowly faded and the votes were determined, there was an air of the unfinished.

It was now after 9:15 p.m.

"I can't celebrate; I have to go home because I have to work at the funeral home tomorrow," Schniers said.

"I'll see the students around campus tomorrow, because I am the department head of early childhood at EIU," Russell said.

"I have court tomorrow," Reardon said. "And I have to get back to being a father. You know I'm a single dad."

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» Obama

FROM PAGE 1

He and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009.

Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq,

the other in Afghanistan.

The popular vote was close – 51.3 percent to 47.5 percent with 73 percent of all U.S. precincts counted – but not the count in the Electoral College, where it mattered most.

Obama won California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,

ta, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

McCain won Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

» Johnson

FROM PAGE 1

With 29 of 35 Senate races called, Democrats were guaranteed at least a 55-45 majority, including two holdover independents that vote with Democrats.

But they were hoping for even greater gains in a political environment that clearly favored Democrats.

Democrats fattened their majority control of the Senate, ousting Republican Sens. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina and John Sununu of New Hampshire and capturing

seats held by retiring GOP senators in Virginia, New Mexico and Colorado.

North Carolina state Sen. Kay Hagan, little known politically before her run, defeated Dole – a former Cabinet member in two Republican administrations and 2000 presidential hopeful.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Street Drum Corps offers multiple styles

Eastern students enjoyed a mix of styled music on election night

By **ANDY PETERSON**
Staff Reporter

The Street Drum Corps offered up their interesting blend of punk rock and street music to Eastern students in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday night.

Street Drum Corps is a punk percussion group that was founded in April of 2004 by brothers Adam and Bobby Alt and Frank Zummo.

They have shared the stage with members of popular bands such as No Doubt, Bad Religion and Good Charlotte, and they spent last summer on Linkin Park's Projekt Revolution 2008 tour with acts like Chris Cornell and The Bravery.

Before the show, Brandt Schisler, a sophomore geography major, expressed his excitement.

"A friend of mine went to see Linkin Park last summer and saw Street Drum Corps," he said. "He told me about the band. This is the first time I've seen them live and I'm very excited."

"It's like techno meets punk meets Jumanji. They started playing like crazy and never really slowed down."

— **Amanda Cruse,**
freshman nursing major on the band

The band began their show with a barrage of in-your-face rhythms and never looked back.

The wall of sound they created with their percussion was accompanied by a variety of high energy backing tracks.

Although the turnout at the Grand Ballroom was small, it did not seem to have any effect on the band or their performance.

"I like this, it's a nice intimate crowd...it feels like we're hanging out in our garage practicing," said the band's leader, Adam Alt.

At one point during the performance, the band invited three audience members up on stage to jam with them.

Their show featured instruments ranging everywhere from standard drums, all the way to garbage cans, buckets and kitchen utensils.

Amanda Cruse, a freshman nursing major, attended the show and was pleased with the group's performance.

"I absolutely loved (it)," Cruse said. "It's like techno meets punk meets Jumanji. They started playing like crazy and never really slowed down." The band has released two albums to date.

The self-titled debut album was released in 2006, and their second offering, "We Are Machines," was released this year. Street Drum Corps' last performance of the year will take place in Hollywood where they will open for Motley Crue.

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Street Drum Corps member Jen Froust uses a bucket to drum on during their group performance in the Grand Ballroom Tuesday evening.

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CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE

Possible child care center to be investigated

Extending hours of Booth Library also topic of discussion

By JOE ASTROUSKI
Administration Reporter

Eastern's Faculty Senate pushed for on-campus day care during their meeting Tuesday.

The senate unanimously passed a motion asking President Bill Perry to create a committee to investigate the possibility of a child care facility at Eastern.

"The data is overwhelming...there is a need for child care," senate chair John Pommier said.

Pommier and retired professor

David Maurer both spoke about previous attempts to build a day care on campus in the mid-1980s and 2004.

"It is the sense of the Faculty Senate that previous committees have established the need for a child care facility at EIU," said the motion, referring to those pushes for day care.

The senate agreed on the motion after hearing from representatives of the Eastern Student Parent Association, which represents students with children.

Joycelyn Phillips, E-SPA's academic adviser, said on-campus day care is essential to Eastern's job of educating student.

"Our goal is to retain and graduate students," Phillips said. "It is beyond me how this can be done if Eastern

doesn't step up to the plate and provide quality child care."

E-SPA member Shameka Ware said caring for children while attending college can be stressful.

"It's hard," Ware said. "I don't go out and party. I get home, take care of my child, work...and I'm exhausted."

Ware said finding day care can be hard and expensive.

She said when she first came to Eastern most affordable day cares were full.

"By the time I got down here (to Charleston), the rest of the day cares were full," Ware said. "I still have November and December (to pay for) and my bill is \$156."

The Faculty Senate also discussed Booth Library opening hours with

two members of Eastern's Student Senate.

Student Senate member Chris Kromphardt said some students have told him the library is not open long enough.

"We have heard concerns that library hours don't adequately meet the needs of students," Kromphardt said.

He said Student Senate is preparing a survey on the subject.

"We are putting together a survey with three possible areas where (library hours) could be changed: mornings, Fridays and Saturdays, and possibly extending weekdays until 2 a.m.," Kromphardt said.

Senate member Dawn Van Gunten said she was skeptical that many stu-

dents would use the library if its hours were changed.

"You can differentiate between when students would actually go and when they say they would go," Van Gunten said, adding that very few of her students say they do their coursework in the library.

New hours could also be a problem for the library staff, according to senate member and reference librarian Ann Brownson.

"We're stretched right now where there's no overlap between shifts," Brownson said, adding that longer hours would require another shift of workers at the library.

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CITY | MEETING

Council approves University Baptist Church construction

Animal control contract also approved

By MATT HOPF
Associate News Editor

The Charleston City Council unanimously voted to approve three ordinances at Tuesday night's meeting, which will allow the University Baptist Church, currently located on Seventh Street, to construct a new building alongside Lincoln Highway Road.

The ordinances were approved without discussion.

The ordinances approved the final development plan for the Whispering Pines Planned Unit Development, to re-plate eight residential lots and a conditional use permit for the church.

The council also unanimously voted to approve an agreement with Coles County for animal control services. The agreement would increase the cost of the service by 50 cents per person to \$1.50 in Charleston.

However, only half of the Eastern on-campus residents will be counted.

Mayor John Inyart said the agreement has been in place since 1979 and the animal shelter has deferred maintenance.

Charleston will pay about \$28,000 yearly, which is an increase from about \$21,000.

In other business, the council placed the vacating of three alleys on file for public inspection.

The alleys are located between Hayes and Garfield avenues and

Hayes and Grant avenues on the east of 12th Street.

The other alley runs between Adams and Washington avenues and between Division and First streets.

City Planner Steve Pamperin said there was a stub of sanitary sewer on the south end of the alley by Garfield Avenue and that building setback requirements need to be reviewed.

The council also voted unanimously to approve a refund to University Village Housing, LLC.

The pre-annexation agreement

approved in 2005 required the company to pay a development fee of \$1,250 per unit. The city will be refunding \$250 per unit, or \$31,000 to the company if the amendment is approved.

The refunded portion of the fee was originally earmarked for the construction of the intersection of Woodfall and Hawthorne drives.

The developer instead completed the construction.

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» Bajek
FROM PAGE 12

Ohio Valley Conference new-comer Southern Illinois Edwardsville methodically dispatched Eastern in a sweep (25-17, 25-13, 25-20) during the first regular match up between the recently christened rivals.

Southern Illinois Edwardsville head coach Todd Gober said he noticed the Panthers playing in new packages or out of their normal positions.

"They are a well established program and will be a nice addition to the conference especially from a volleyball standpoint," Bennett said.

The Cougars (11-11) out hit the Panthers .295-.077 and scored 42 kills to Eastern's 28.

Senior setter Mallory Clements, a two-time Division II All-American, had 29 assists, seven kills and three aces to frustrate Eastern.

"She was a great setter who was a bit unpredictable," sophomore middle blocker Jorie Dieter said. "Their outsiders knew how to put the ball away."

The Cougars won 25 or more matches from 2003-2007 while dominating the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

They have gone to the NCAA D-II National Tournament for three consecutive years. Gober has a 187-67 record through eight seasons.

The Cougars replaced Samford as the 11th member of the OVC on June 11, leaving the GLVC.

SIUE upgraded from a Division II program and will not fully be a conference member until 2011 or compete in a playoff match before

2012.

Samford left the OVC officially on July 1 and went to the Southern Conference.

There, the Bulldogs have a 24-3 overall record and 13-1 league mark. The Bulldogs concluded 2007 11-9 in OVC play and 16-13 overall.

Gober said by changing leagues and not participating in a tournament, his team had to come up with different goals.

"The team was motivated in playing Division I schools," Gober said. "They were bummed not playing for a championship, but we wanted to show Division I teams we belong."

To counter the departure of the seniors, Gober added recruiting would be selling the idea that the future Cougars are pioneers and will be able to compete in the OVC playoffs in 2012.

"Some people are negative in recruiting, but they are normally teams not making the OVC Tournament," Gober said. "It will take a few years to build up the program and not be one shot wonders."

The Cougars faced nationally ranked Illinois at Champaign Sept. 19, losing in three sets and falling to 2-5.

Southern Illinois Edwardsville then went 9-6 and 5-1 against OVC schools, largely from the lessons and adjustments they made from the Illini match, Gober said.

With an enthusiastic coach at the helm, a winning tradition and future recruits flooding the Vadalabene Center, the Cougars could be a top OVC squad for many years.

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» Soccer
FROM PAGE 12

Nowak said his team was obviously upset following the season, but has a lot to be proud of.

"They're upset because they know they're good enough to compete against anybody and it's never easy ending your season with a loss," Nowak said. "But they should be, and are, proud of the effort they gave not just tonight but over the last month."

Nowak said while the season didn't live up to expectations as far as wins and losses are concerned, the team's play during the final month showed how much fight his team has.

"When you look at all the things we went through early in the season, we never quit and that's a great testament to the team," Nowak said. "They never gave up and never made excuses and when things started going out way we started showing the world what we could do."

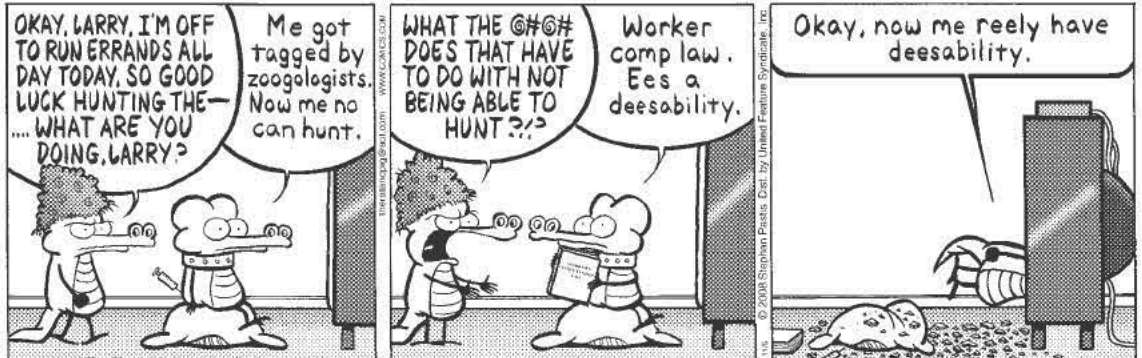
Even with that optimism, Nowak said Tuesday's loss was a tough one to take.

He said it was one of the better matches his team played all season.

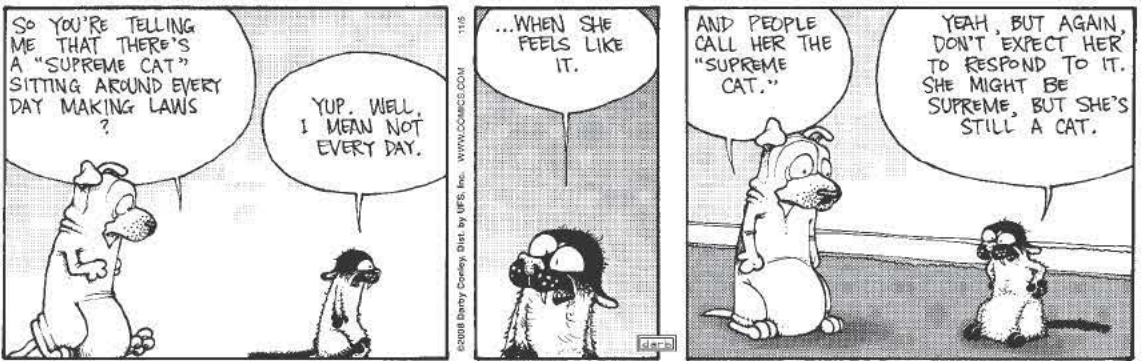
"It was a pretty even game," Nowak said. "We both had equal chances throughout the game and we put a lot of pressure on them in the final 10 minutes. It just ended up that they got one more break than us."

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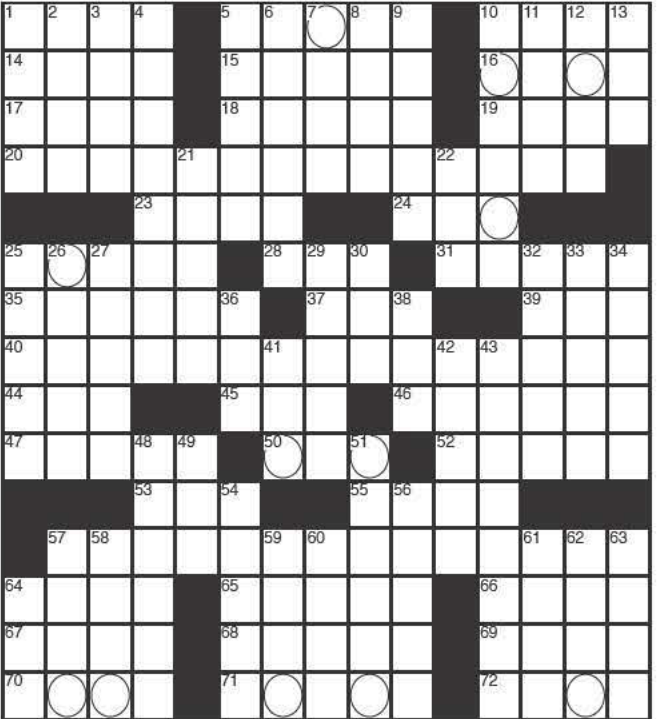


The New York Times
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1001

- ACROSS
- 1 Figure in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
 - 5 Kind of cuisine in which onions, bell peppers and celery are the "holy trinity"
 - 10 Fake
 - 14 Hoodwink
 - 15 Jim Croce's "___ Name"
 - 16 Tremendous
 - 17 Hughes poem with the line "They send me to eat in the kitchen"
 - 18 Introductory course, often
 - 19 Cy Young winner Hershisier
 - 20 Kind of puzzle suggested by this crossword's theme
 - 23 Cleopatra used it as a beauty lotion
 - 24 King, in Portugal
 - 25 Carnivorous fish
 - 28 Terse letter opener
 - 31 Sweater type
 - 35 Bonkers
 - 37 Way to find your way: Abbr.
 - 39 French rejection
- DOWN
- 40 End of a popular saying related to this puzzle's theme
 - 44 Former telecom giant
 - 45 Big name in kitchen gadgets
 - 46 One way to be caught
 - 47 Ed of "Roots"
 - 50 How some packages arrive
 - 52 Mice can be found around them
 - 53 Blue
 - 55 "The Rubáiyát" poet
 - 57 How to link the 12 letters in this puzzle with a single line to make a picture
 - 64 Drug ___
 - 65 Quibble
 - 66 "Mon ___!"
 - 67 German car
 - 68 Oreo filling
 - 69 Author Dinesen
 - 70 Surveyor's map
 - 71 Baseball pioneer Doubleday
 - 72 Big lugs



PUZZLE BY BARRY BOONE

- 2 Camera setting
- 3 Agreed ___
- 4 Just after birth
- 5 Internet equipment powerhouse
- 6 Semiprecious stones
- 7 Big bump
- 8 Logan's locale
- 9 Candidate trailing Bush and Gore
- 10 Sure thing
- 11 Banged up
- 12 A long, long time
- 13 Florida senator Martinez
- 21 "Maria ___," 1941 #1 hit
- 22 The "D" in R&D: Abbr.
- 25 "___ song of sixpence"
- 26 Sheepshanks, e.g.
- 27 John Denver wrote two songs about this town
- 29 Abode north of the Arctic Circle
- 30 Univ. in Troy, N.Y.
- 32 ___ Gay
- 33 Doer of stand-up
- 34 Gardeners may work on them
- 36 Prefix with tourism
- 38 What one might do in 27-Down
- 41 A+: Abbr.
- 42 1940s computer
- 43 Equipment with a headset
- 48 Sparkle and wit
- 49 College cheer
- 51 Sit behind bars
- 54 Bangladesh's capital, old-style
- 56 Athlete who's not dashing?
- 57 Blue, south of the border
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- 60 Balanced
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MEN'S SWIMMING | SPOTLIGHT

Senior teammates, roommates provide leadership

Ethington, McGill lead Panthers' swim team

By ARI HORING
Staff Reporter

Senior roommates Joe Ethington and Elliott McGill are both leaders on the Eastern men's swimming team and are both responsible for setting an example for their younger teammates to follow.

"At the pool, us seniors have an expectation to always perform our best and set an example for the younger guys," McGill said. "They'll watch us swim, and they feed off of us."

Ethington said the seniors have a distinct responsibility of being leaders at meets. Other seniors on Eastern's men's swimming team include Pat LeNeave, Jason Maurer and Thomas Showers.



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The Eastern men's swim team is led by five seniors who help the younger members aspire to set individual and team goals.

"As seniors, we're kind of the responsible leaders on deck at meets that cheer on our teammates and raise and keep the morale up," Ethington said.

Ethington said he has individual and team goals he would like to

accomplish during his senior year.

"My individual goals are to help break the record for the (800-yard) relay at Eastern and to medal in the (200-yard freestyle) and score as many points as I can," said Ethington. "As a team, we want to get a

third at conference and have a overall record of .500 or better at our dual meets."

McGill said his main goal is to just be the best leader he can be.

"My goals are to have my lifetime best times at conference and just try to be a good teammate of all the guys and girls," he said. "I just want to try and be a good leader when asked upon and do what coach says."

Ethington and McGill are always around each other and not just because they are roommates. The two also have the exact same swimming schedule. Both McGill and Ethington swim the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle, and both are also part of the Panthers' 800-yard freestyle relay.

Because of their class schedules, McGill and Ethington are also usually the only seniors at the 2 p.m. practice. Ethington said he enjoys

leading practices with McGill because they both help make each other work hard.

"As seniors, we both lead the lanes, keep an eye at everyone's times," he said. "Instead of taking it easy and just getting our sets over with, we'll push ourselves to our limit. When's Elliot is having a bad day, I'll be out there in front of him pushing him to get ahead of me and the same goes vice versa."

McGill said being around Ethington has helped him become a better swimmer.

"We have mutual respect for each other inside and outside the pool," McGill said. "Living with each other gives us a chance to motivate each other and help each other improve and get ready for meets."

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» Postseason

FROM PAGE 12

He said he can get a good look at who performs and who is productive.

"These are definitely all good to just get a snapshot of your whole team," Sallee said about exhibition games. "It's another evaluation tool we can use going into the regular season to determine what our rotation will be."

That rotation includes junior forward Maggie Kloak and junior guard

Ashley Thomas. Next on the list is junior guard Lauren Sturtevant, who Sallee said has the most to prove this season.

"She has ability to do a lot of things for us," Sallee said about Sturtevant. "Her versatility is something we desperately need. At the end of the day she's got to produce."

Sallee said Sturtevant has to come in ready to play and not necessarily worry about making shots but focus more on making an impact in some aspect of the game.

"If she can do that, that just solidifies our rotation," Sallee said.

"With Ellen's and Dominique's propensity to foul, we need her to be able to play some significant minutes for us this year and really make us that much deeper."

The Panthers also got production from two of their newest players. Freshman guard Pilar Walker played 15 minutes and had four rebounds, three assists, two turnovers and one steal.

"It's nice to have a young point guard in the program that can play without turning (the ball) over," Sallee said. "She just went in and did what we needed her to do – took

care of the ball, made some nice passes and recognized when she could get to the rim."

Sallee said he thought Pilar started the game a little tentative but that was expected since it was her first collegiate game. He said she got more comfortable as the game progressed.

"Clearly we saw some things in her that get us excited for the future," Sallee said about Walker. "She definitely will have to play some minutes for us behind (Edwards). The better she can play, the better off we're going to be."

Sallee said he was also pleased with freshman forward Chantelle Pressley against Brescia. She had three points, two rebounds and one assist in 12 minutes played.

"I think everyone can see the potential there – long and athletic and just can make things happen," Sallee said about Pressley. "We're just in a situation where those freshmen can kind of learn and get comfortable before they get thrown out in the fire."

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OVC FOOTBALL: WEEK 11

| THE EXPERTS | | Eastern Illinois at No. 22 Tennessee State | Southeast Missouri at Murray State | No. 20 Tennessee Martin at Auburn | Jacksonville State at Tennessee Tech | OVC SCHEDULE | | |
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|  SCOTT RICHEY Sports Editor Last Week: 4-0 Overall: 46-11 Scott is a senior journalism major and is in his third year covering Eastern athletics (two for football). | EIU 33 TSU 30 Panthers' defense holds tough at the end to seal close victory against ranked Tigers' team. | MSU 35 SEMO 33 Redhawks keep it close, but their struggles on the road continue as Murray State gets back on track. | UA 45 UTM 28 UTM will put up some points against the Tigers but it won't be enough offense to beat Auburn at home. | JSU 42 TTU 17 The Golden Eagles simply don't have the weapons to match Jacksonville State. Ryan Perrilloux continues to produce. |  When: 1 p.m. Saturday Where: LP Field; Nashville, Tenn. | | | |
|  DAN CUSACK Asst. Sports Editor Last Week: 4-0 Overall: 46-11 Dan is a sophomore journalism major and is in his second year covering Eastern athletics. | TSU 28 EIU 21 TSU gets its sixth home victory of the season as senior running back Javarris Williams has a big day on the ground. | MSU 29 SEMO 20 Murray State bounces back after tough loss to EIU with a big day from red-shirt sophomore QB Jeff Ehrhardt. | UA 28 UTM 10 The Skyhawks might be one of the top teams in the OVC, but they are no match for an SEC team like Auburn. | JSU 20 TTU 19 Gamecocks get late score from junior QB Ryan Perrilloux whose efforts earn him at least OVC Newcomer of the Week. |  When: 1 p.m. Saturday Where: Stewart Stadium; Murray, Ky. | | | |
|  KEVIN MURPHY Managing Editor Last Week: 4-0 Overall: 46-11 Kevin is a junior journalism major and is in his third year covering Eastern athletics. | EIU 31 TSU 30 Panthers pull out their own Music City Miracle. EIU red-shirt senior kicker Tyler Wilke has the chance to be the hero again this year. | MSU 28 SEMO 24 Racers get back to business and hold off a surprisingly pesky Redhawks' team. Murray State gets a defensive touchdown in the win. | UA 42 UTM 20 The Tigers have been struggling to put points on the board, but the SEC has been a little bit more competitive this year than the OVC. | JSU 42 TTU 10 The Gamecocks will roll as QB Ryan Perrilloux score at least three touchdowns – two through the air and one on the ground. |  When: 1:30 p.m. Saturday Where: Tucker Stadium; Cookeville, Tenn. | | | |
| | | | | | | OVC STANDINGS | | |
| | | | | | | School | OVC | Overall |
| | | | | | | Tennessee Martin | 5-1 | 7-2 |
| | | | | | | Tennessee State | 4-1 | 7-2 |
| | | | | | | Eastern Kentucky | 5-1 | 6-3 |
| | | | | | | Jacksonville State | 4-2 | 4-5 |
| | | | | | | Eastern Illinois | 2-3 | 4-5 |
| | | | | | | Murray State | 2-3 | 3-6 |
| | | | | | | Southeast Missouri | 1-4 | 3-6 |
| | | | | | | Tennessee Tech | 1-5 | 3-7 |
| | | | | | | Austin Peay | 1-5 | 1-8 |

Game of the Week


EASTERN ILLINOIS
(4-5, 2-3 OVC)

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TENNESSEE STATE
(7-2, 4-1 OVC)

WHEN: 1 P.M. SATURDAY
WHERE: LP FIELD
NASHVILLE, TENN.

PANTHERS GAME NOTES

- **Head Coach:** Bob Spoo (131-107-1 in 21st year)
- Eastern has won the last four of its games against Tennessee State and seven of the last eight. The two teams have played 11 times previously.
- Red-shirt sophomore Rashad Haynes had one interception against Murray State. It was the ninth of his career and moved him into seventh place in Eastern history.
- Red-shirt junior kicker Austin Signor has averaged 69.9 yards per kickoff this season. He has 16 touchbacks, which ranks him third in the nation.

TIGERS GAME NOTES

- **Head Coach:** James Webster (20-22 in fourth season)
- Tennessee State plays its home games at LP Field, which is also home to the NFL's only unbeaten team this season (Tennessee Titans). TSU is 4-0 at home this season.
- Red-shirt senior quarterback Antonio Heffner did not play in the Tigers' 41-14 win against Tennessee Tech because of an injury and is questionable for Saturday's game.
- Sophomore quarterback Dominic Grooms, a Missouri transfer, played in place of Heffner and completed 15-of-19 passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns.



Freshman running back Desmin Ward tries to rush past Murray State freshman cornerback Lamar Hall during Eastern's 34-6 win against the Racers on Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Ward had three rushing touchdowns against the Racers. Eastern returns to action on Saturday against Tennessee State at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn.

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE



- E. Kentucky Sr. QB Allan Holland
- Completed 31-of-41 passes for 306 yards and two touchdowns in the Colonels' 29-16 win against Southeast Missouri.

DEFENSE



- Murray State Sr. LB Nathan Williams
- Matched his career high with 21 tackles (eight solo) against Eastern Illinois. He has 141 tackles for the season and leads the nation.

SPECIALIST



- Austin Peay So. KR/PR Terrence Holt
- Returned five kicks for 159 yards in Governors' loss. He has 1,104 kick return yards this season to match the OVC high he set in 2007.

NEWCOMER



- Jacksonville State Jr. QB Ryan Perrilloux
- Completed 19-of-29 passes for 271 yards and two touchdowns in the Gamecocks' 35-22 win against Austin Peay.

OVC WEEK 9 SCOREBOARD

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Eastern Kentucky 29 Southeast Missouri 16 | Austin Peay 22 Jacksonville State 35 |
| Murray State 6 Eastern Illinois 34 | Tennessee Tech 14 Tennessee State 41 |

NATIONAL SPORTS

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TRIPLE THREAT



Barack Obama

It's finally over. After months of campaigning, advertisements and primaries, the 2008 election is finally done. Barack Obama (above) and John McCain battled for months in the swing states just as players would on the gridiron. Both politicians have a background in sports, as Obama threw out the first pitch Game 2 of the 2005 World Series for the White Sox and is a big-time hoops fan. McCain is an avid opponent of steroids in baseball and a big boxing fan.

Combining politics and sports, here are three former presidents that were also athletes.

1. Gerald Ford – The 38th President of the United States roamed the gridiron before making his way to the White House. Ford was a two-time national champion in 1932 and 1933 at Michigan and played as a center and linebacker for the Wolverines. He remains the only president to ever tackle a Heisman Trophy winner as he took down Chicago running back Jay Berwanger.

2. Bill Clinton – The 42nd Commander-in-Chief was commanding the pitch before he commanded the country. While studying government at University College at Oxford in London, Clinton played rugby. Clinton loved the sport so much he played for the Little Rock Rugby Club when he got back to Arkansas.

3. Ronald Reagan – The 40th President will always be remembered as his portrayal of the "Gipper" in the classic "Knut Rockne, All American," but Reagan was also a college athlete. He played three sports at Eureka College including football, track and swimming.

–Dan Cusack



BOB BAJEK

Cougars upstart in OVC

Eastern head coach Lori Bennett saw first hand Saturday at Edwardsville a new foe that might give her Panthers trouble in future years.

>> SEE BAJEK, PAGE 9

WOMEN'S SOCCER | MOREHEAD STATE 2, EASTERN 1

PANTHERS' SEASON ENDS

Two second-half goals propel Eagles to win

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Staff Reporter

Morehead State junior midfielder Lindsay Stefanini scored the game-winning goal in the 80th minute as the Eagles ended Eastern's season with a 2-1 victory Tuesday night in the first round of the Ohio Valley Tournament.

The Panthers took an early lead when sophomore forward Kaitlin Sullivan scored her second goal in as many matches in the 26th minute to put the Panthers up 1-0.

Eastern took that lead into half-time, but Morehead State came out firing in the second half with two goals to gain the victory.

"We knew (Morehead State) was going to come out and put a lot of pressure on us because they were trailing at halftime at home," Eastern head coach Tim Nowak said. "They came out fired up. We were ready for it but they score two very, very nice goals."

Freshman forward Jillian Birchmeier had the first goal of the half for the Eagles in the 56th minute.

Sophomore goalkeeper Kaylin Lorbert started for the Panthers and made 11 saves despite allowing two goals. Nowak said that he thought Lorbert played very well despite allowing the two goals as he credited the scores to great plays by the Eagles rather than mistakes by the Panthers.

"(Lorbert) was great all night just as she's been most of the year," Nowak said. "She made some quality saves throughout the game and a



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Eastern senior midfielder Lindsey Wilkening plays for the ball against a Southeast Missouri player at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost 2-1 on Tuesday night against Morehead State in Morehead, Ky.

very, very nice save at the beginning of the second half."

Tuesday's loss ended the Panthers' season at 3-14-2. The Eagles (8-8-

2) will move on to play top-seeded Murray State on Friday.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. ST. JOSEPH'S

Preseason serves as evaluation tool

Reserves, role players get chance to earn playing time

By SCOTT RICHEY
Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee knows what kind of production he will get from his starting five.

Senior forward Rachel Galligan will score from inside and out and snare rebounds in the paint. Senior guard Ellen Canale will provide strong defense and be a 3-point threat. Senior guard Megan Edwards will drive the Panthers offense and senior forward Lindsey Kluempers will rebound, play tough defense and score from the perimeter. Junior guard Dominique Sims rounds out the starting five with playmaking and rebounding prowess.

Eastern's game against Saint Joseph's College at 7 p.m. today at Lantz Arena will give Sallee a chance to evaluate his reserve players and see what they can add to the starters' production. Sallee said he uses exhibition games as a way to get some players he's not sure about production-wise playing time to see how they perform in a game situation.

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Freshman forward Chantelle Pressley drives to the basket during the Panthers' exhibition opener against Brescia University Sunday afternoon at Lantz Arena. Eastern won the game 86-37.

WOMEN'S RUGBY |
EASTERN AT CLEMSON

Perfect season in sight for Panthers

Eastern looks to finish first undefeated season since 2002

By BOB SHAUGHNESSY
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's rugby team will travel to Clemson S.C., to play the Clemson Tigers at 6 p.m. today.

The Panthers (8-0) will try to keep their perfect season alive as they face off against a difficult Tigers team.

The 12-day layoff is the Panthers' longest of the season, but head coach Frank Graziano is not worried about the team being rusty.

He said the layoff gave the players some time to recover and not think about the perfect season.

Graziano – who attended Clemson and also played for the men's club rugby team – started the women's rugby team for the Tigers in 1995.

He recorded a record of 21-4 in his two seasons with the team.

After leaving Clemson in 1997, Graziano went on to coach the United State Women's National Team.

He then decided to come to Eastern, where he has been since 1999.

Graziano has only coached the Panthers to an undefeated season one time, when the Panthers finished 11-0 in 2002, their first season as a Division I program.

Although Graziano does not have any extra motivation to beat the Tigers, he feels Clemson may not feel the same way.

"I'm focused on us getting 10 wins and zero losses," Graziano said. "Clemson just happens to be the next game on the schedule."

He said this might be the best team the Tigers have ever had.

"The motivation is probably more on their end; there must have been over 400 people at the game when we played them last year," Graziano said.

He said the Tigers probably want to beat him more than he wants to beat them and the crowd should be hostile.

In the final road trip of the year the Panthers will receive boost on the defensive side as their leading tackler will return to the field.

Junior flanker Stephanie Militello who has missed the last two games against Purdue and Kansas because of an ankle injury will enhance the Panthers already strong defense.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S RUGBY
Today at Clemson |
6 p.m. – Clemson, S.C.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Today vs. St. Joseph's |
7 p.m. – Lantz Arena

VOLLEYBALL
Friday vs. Jacksonville State |
7 p.m. – Lantz Arena

FOOTBALL
Saturday vs. Tennessee State |
1 p.m. – Nashville, Tenn.

VOLLEYBALL
Saturday vs. Tennessee Tech |
2 p.m. – Lantz Arena